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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO
(S/S NO. 7515471)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM H-MCCLOSKEY AND S/NM-VANCE

1. IN TESTIMONY JULY 28 BEFORE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FUTURE
FOREIGN POLICY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, STATE, DEA, AND
USDA WITNESSES ALL CONFIRMED EVIDENCE THAT GOT HAS SHOWN
DETERMINATION TO CONTROL ITS NEW POPPY CROP, HAS INSTITUTED
EXTENSIVE NEW CONTROL MEASURES AND THAT, AS A RESULT, NO
SIGNIFICANT ILLEGAL DIVERSION IS EXPECTED FROM IT.
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2. FOLLOWING THIS CONGRESSMAN RANGEL, APPARENTLY IMPRESSED
BY THIS FAVORABLE ASSESSMENT OF TURKISH CONTROL EFFORTS,
TOLD VANCE HE KNEW AT LEAST 15 CONGRESSMEN WHO VOTED
AGAINST LIFTING TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO MORE BECAUSE OF NAR-

COTICS THAN CYPRUS AND THAT HE COULD DELIVER THEM ON A SECOND VOTE ON THE EMBARGO WHICH COULD COME THIS WEEK. FOR HIM TO DO THIS, HE HAS ASKED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AGREE TO TAKE SOME STEPS ON THE ANTI-NARCOTICS FRONT DEMONSTRATING HIGH CONCERN WITH THE DRUG PROBLEM.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

SINCE THE PRESIDENT WILL BE TALKING TO PRIME MINISTER

DEMIREL, IT IS RECOMMENDED HE ALLUDE TO THE POPPY QUESTION NOTING:

A) THAT WE ARE AWARE OF AND ENCOURAGED BY THE STEPS TURKEY HAS TAKEN TO CONTROL THE NEW CROP;

B) THAT IT WOULD BE STRONGLY WELCOMED IF THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER WOULD, ECHOING THE STATEMENT MADE BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT, PUBLICLY ASSURE THE WORLD THAT TURKEY IS DETERMINED THAT ITS POPPY PRODUCTION NOT BRING HARM TO OTHER SOCIETIES;

C) THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE GOT IS CONSIDERING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HIGH-LEVEL UNIT TO CONTROL AND COORDINATE ALL ASPECTS OF THE POPPY CULTIVATION WHICH WILL ASSURE ADEQUATE CONTROLS OVER THE YEARS. FYI: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A HIGH-LEVEL CENTRALIZED UNIT HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE UNITED NATIONS EXPERTS WHO HAVE ADVISED AND ASSISTED TURKEY IN ITS CONTROL EFFORTS THIS YEAR HAVE ALSO FORMALLY SUGGESTED THIS TO THE GOT. END FYI.

APPROVE :

DISAPPROVE:

4. RECOMMENDATION:

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IF THE PRESIDENT ACCEPTS THIS RECOMMENDATION TO INCLUDE THIS MATERIAL IN HIS TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL, IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT HE MAY WISH TO TELEPHONE RANGEL OR SEND AN IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO HIM ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

"DEAR CHARLIE: I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE HEARINGS LAST MONDAY BEFORE THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FUTURE FOREIGN POLICY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS TO FORWARD OUR STRONG MUTUAL INTEREST IN CONTROL OF ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC AND USE. WE ARE CONTINUALLY SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR ATTACK ON THIS PROBLEM WHICH IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE. ON SEPTEMBER 1

I WILL RECEIVE THE REPORT OF A SPECIAL WHITE HOUSE
DRUG REVIEW TASK FORCE IN WHICH I HAVE ASKED FOR PRO-
POSALS FOR ADDITIONAL ACTION, INCLUDING ACTION BOTH
BY THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES, SO THAT
WE MAY DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH BOTH THE SUPPLY AND

THE DEMAND SIDE OF THE PROBLEM. I LOOK FORWARD TO
SHARING THE RESULTS OF THE TASK FORCE EFFORT WITH
YOU.

"WE CAN NEVER FORGET WHAT THE FLOW OF TURKISH BASED
HEROIN, COMING THROUGH THE FRENCH CONNECTION, MEANT
TO US IN EARLIER YEARS. DURING MY MEETING WITH PRIME
MINISTER DEMIREL, I TALKED WITH HIM ABOUT OUR CONCERNS AND
HEARD FROM HIM ABOUT THE STEPS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT
IS TAKING TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON ITS PROMISE THAT ITS
RENEWED POPPY PRODUCTION WILL BE CONTROLLED SO AS NOT
TO BRING HARM TO OTHER SOCIETIES. I ENCOURAGED
HIM TO CONTINUE TO CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS FROM ALL
INTERESTED NATIONS IN THE CONCERNED WORLD COMMUNITY
ON THIS MATTER.

"I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING IN TOUCH WITH YOU SOON AFTER I
RETURN. IN THE MEANTIME, AS YOU KNOW, I AM VITALLY
CONCERNED, AS A MATTER OF CLEAR NATIONAL INTEREST,
THAT MY PROPOSALS FOR LIFTING THE EMBARGO ON ARMS TO
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TURKEY BE ACCEPTED BY THE CONGRESS. I HOPE THAT YOU
WILL HELP IN THIS MATTER AND WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR
ASSISTANCE THERE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD."

APPROVE :

DISAPPROVE:

3. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE WHITE
HOUSE AND IS A COMPANION PIECE TO A SEPARATE MESSAGE
ON THIS SUBJECT BEING SENT THROUGH NSC CHANNELS.

CLEARED BY: ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL; S/NM: AMB VANCE;
H: AMB MC CLOSKEY; EUR: W. EAGLETON; S: P. BARBIAN; AND
WHITE HOUSE: L. JANKA

4. FOR S/S-S, HELSINKI: IN CASE THIS MESSAGE RAISES
A FURTHER QUESTION ABOUT THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE
ARMS EMBARGO BILL, SEE ALSO AMBASSADOR MC CLOSKEY'S
REPORT IN TODAY'S BUREAU DAILY ACTIVITIES REPORT.

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